

Croeso i'r Cae Ras—Welcome to the Racecourse

**B
E
L
L
S**



**4th
Division
Manager
of the
Month
March
1988**

WREXHAM



HI-TEC

v. BOLTON WANDERERS

Barclays League Division Four

Saturday, 7th May, 1988

Kick-off: 3.00 p.m.

Official Programme 60p.

*Official Club Sponsors **Marston's Ales***



Season 1987-88



WREXHAM ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

*The Racecourse Ground,
Mold Road, Wrexham,
Clwyd, Wales, LL11 2AN.
Tel: Office (0978) 262129
Promotions (0978) 352536*

Directors—F. Wellum (President),

G. Mytton (Chairman),

W.P. Griffiths (Vice-Chairman),

F.J. Tomlinson, J. Scott,

N. Dickens, G. Dickens,

C. Griffiths, D. Rhodes.

Vice-Presidents: H. Evans,

Dr. W. Hill, J. Scott, S. Gandy,

G. Morris L.I.B.

Manager: D. McNeil.

Asst. Manager/Physio: G. Showell.

Youth Coach: C. Sear.

Reserve Coach's: I. Price, B. Prandle.

Chief Scout: J. Green.

Secretary: S. Gandy.

Promotions Manager: R. Slater.

Club Doctor: Dr. I. Ashworth.

HONOURS

Third Div. Championship: 1978.

Third Division Runners-Up: 1933.

Fourth Division Runners-Up: 1970.

Welsh Cup Winners (22 times):

1878, 1883, 1893, 1897, 1903,

1905, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1914,

1915, 1921, 1924, 1925, 1931,

1957, 1958, 1960, 1972, 1974,

1978, 1986.

E.C.W.C. Quarter-Finals: 1976.

F.A. Cup Quarter-Finals:

1974, 1978.

League Cup Quarter-Finals:

1961, 1978.

Record League Win:

10-1 v. Hartlepool United

Division 4, 3 March 1962.

Most League Goals:

106, Div. 3N, 1932-3.

Highest League Scorer in Season:

T. Bamford, 44, Div. 3N, 1933-4.

Most League Goals in Career:

T. Bamford, 175, 1928-34.

Most Capped Player:

Joey Jones, 29 times.



TOP OF THE TABLE FORM... That's the only way to describe Wrexham's form last Saturday as they destroyed the champions-elect Wolves in a superbly entertaining match. One of the stars of the 4-2 victory was diminutive Brian Flynn and the former Welsh international was a constant thorn in the Wolves side. Our picture (above) shows him in the thick of the midfield battle. The victory was especially sweet for Darren Wright and Roger Preece, both former Wolves players, and Roger was unlucky not to get on the scoresheet with a header which just went past the post (below).



Dixie McNeil



Today sees our last game of the season at the Racecourse and again we host a team with promotion hopes. Again this has been a season of if only or what might have been.

If only we had won, or even drawn, some of the games we should not have lost—games that some people say we threw away, then we would now be well in the promotion race. But it is no good bemoaning our lot and thinking of what might have been. At least we have had an excellent end-of-season run, losing only one of our last 10 League games and who would have thought that at the end of February. With only one win and five defeats in six games in February, everyone thought we would end up in the bottom four, but the late flourish sees us today in ninth position, exactly the same place as we ended last season.

That is why we shall be going all out today to end on a winning note so that we can improve on that place. Bolton are desperate for maximum points to be in with a chance of promotion, but as has been proved time and again,

there is no sentiment in soccer and we shall be going flat out for a win this afternoon.

It is well to remember that promoted Wolves and Cardiff, as well as hopefuls Scunthorpe, have all lost here this season, so we are not afraid of top-table teams.

Talking of last Saturday's Wolves game, all I can say is that our performance was superb. To come back after being a goal down against the top club was no mean feat and the lads did us proud. It was a match that had everything.

We only postponed Wolves winning the championship for two days, but at least we kept our winning sequence going.

Monday's game at Rochdale was completely different. The lads obviously being jaded from their efforts in the Wolves game, went in a goal down, no doubt many thought that we had blown it again to a club in the lower reaches. But the lads showed great character and came out fighting in the second half to pull off a good win. Even though we weren't at our best.

As these will be my last programme notes of the season. I would like to thank all the players for their efforts, and especially congratulate Kevin Russell on being top scorer in his first season in the League; all the backroom staff and those who do a great job stewarding our games; my friends from the Press, radio and television, and the police and St. John Ambulance members for their work at all home games.

But I specially want to thank you loyal supporters who follow the team through thick and thin and a special thank you to that great little band who travel everywhere to cheer us on. You have all been marvellous and the lads and George and I greatly appreciate it. Perhaps next season we can repay you with promotion.

So now it's the Welsh Cup Final against Cardiff at Swansea tomorrow week. The 11.30 a.m. kick off will mean that very few of our supporters will be able to make the trip, but South Wales police have insisted on that time. All I can say is we shall be doing our best to bring the cup back to Wrexham as a reward for your tremendous support this season.



Bryn Howel Hotel & Restaurant

Set in the Magnificent Vale of Llangollen

Telephone: Llangollen 860331
(STD Code 0978).

● Weddings, Conferences & Banqueting facilities seating 250.

- The Hotel with an International reputation at the Gateway to Wales.
- European Gold Crown Award.
- International a-la-carte menu served in the picturesque restaurant.
- Salmon fishing FREE to residents.
- The base for the Welsh team and officials.
- This superb hotel is under the personal supervision of the proprietor Albert Lloyd M.H.C., I.M.A.

Welcome to ...

BOLTON



Bolton come to the Racecourse Ground this afternoon in fourth position in the table assured of a place in the end of season promotion play-offs. The Trotters set the seal on a memorable season at Burnden Park 5 days ago when they thrashed Colchester 4-0 to complete the season with the very impressive home League record of 15 wins, 6 draws and 2 defeats. Away from home Wanderers have not been so convincing with 6 wins, 6 draws and 10 defeats before this afternoon's game. If Wanderers do manage to gain promotion they will have bounced back into the Third Division after only one campaign in the Fourth and, in large measure, they will look on the goalscoring exploits of John Thomas as being the difference between success and failure. Signed from Preston for

£30,000 in the last close season, much-travelled John has hit 20 League goals including 2 hat-tricks, the first coming in a remarkable 4-0 win at Peterborough at the end of January and, more recently, in the 6-0 drubbing of Newport a fortnight ago, a result which confirmed the inevitable by condemning Newport to relegation.

Attendances in the League at Burnden Park have averaged more than 5,000 with the highest being for the Easter Monday "derby" against Burnley, 9,921 turning out, whilst the lowest turn-out was for our visit in December, 3,701 attending. The Burnden Park faithful have mostly enjoyed what they have seen, their side having beaten Cardiff (1-0), Peterborough (2-0), Halifax (2-0), Wolves (1-0),



Back row (l-r): Neil Whatmore, Julian Darby, Steve Elliott, Dave Sutton, Dave Felgate, Mark Came, Trevor Morgan, Mark Winstanley. Centre row: Peter Nightingale (Physio), John Thomas, Ian Stevens, Chris Banks, Steve Thompson, Paul Booth, Nick Brookman, Dean Crombie, Steve Carroll (Youth Coach). Front row: Peter Bell, Ian Callaghan, Jeff Chandler, Phil Neal (Manager), Derek Scott, Gary Henshaw, Warren Joyce (no longer with club).

BOLTON WANDERERS' FIVE YEAR RECORD

Season	P	W	D	L	F - A	Pts	Pos	Top Scorer	Average Gate	Cups	
										LC	FA
1982-83	42	11	11	20	42-61	44	22	Henry 9		2	3
1983-84	46	18	10	18	56-60	64	10	Caldwell 19	5,892	1	3
1984-85	46	16	6	24	69-75	54	17	Caldwell 18	4,951	3	1
1985-86	46	15	8	23	54-68	53	18	Caldwell 10	4,846	2	1
1986-87	46	10	15	21	46-58	45	21	Caldwell 11	4,851	1	3

Carlisle (5-0), Exeter (1-0), Leyton Orient (1-0), Wrexham (2-0), Stockport (2-1), Scarborough (3-1), Hereford (1-0), Tranmere (2-0), Burnley (2-1), Newport (6-0) and Colchester (4-0). Matches have been drawn against Crewe (1-1), Swansea (1-1), Cambridge (2-2), Darlington (1-1), Rochdale (0-0) and Scunthorpe (0-0). The only defeats sustained at Burnden Park have been against Hartlepool and Torquay (both by 1-2).

On their travels, Wanderers have gone down at Scarborough (0-4), Torquay (1-2), Darlington (0-1), Burnley (1-2), Colchester (0-3), Tranmere (0-2), Crewe (1-2), Wolves (0-4), Swansea (0-1) and Cardiff (0-1). Bolton have drawn at Scunthorpe (1-1), Rochdale (2-2), Hartlepool (0-0), Halifax (0-0), Exeter (1-1) and Cambridge (2-2), whilst away victories have been achieved at Hereford (3-0), Newport (1-0), Peterborough (4-0), Stockport (2-1), Carlisle (2-0) and most recently at Orient (2-1). The game at Brisbane Road was a real "six-pointer" which looked to be going the East Londoners way after Alan Comfort had given them the lead just before half-time. Ten minutes after the break Julian Darby equalised for Wanderers and with 20 minutes to go ex-Manchester City star Andy May clinched a vital away win with his first goal for Wanderers since joining them on loan from Huddersfield in March.

This afternoon's game will be Bolton's second visit to the Racecourse Ground this season, the Wanderers having won here 2-1 in the F.A. Cup 2nd round in December. John Thomas put the visitors ahead in that game before Joe Hinnigan equalised before half-time. Thomas' second goal rounded off an impressive Bolton performance and was his 3rd goal of the F.A. Cup campaign, John having hit the only goal of the 1st round tie at Burnley. In the 3rd round, Bolton were again drawn away and went down 1-3 at Barnsley, Ian Stevens hitting Wanderers goal. In the Freight Rover Trophy Bolton went out in the 1st round by 0-1 at Bury after a 0-0 draw at home to Preston and a 1-3 win at Stockport had got them through the preliminary stage. The Littlewoods Cup proved a disappointment, Wanderers going down 1-3 in the 1st round at home to Wigan, after they had won the 1st leg 3-2 at Springfield Park.

The Boss—**PHIL NEAL**

Phil began his career with Northampton Town as an apprentice, going on to make nearly 200 League appearances for the Cobblers before Bill Shankly brought him to Anfield for a fee of £65,000 in October 1974.

His record at Liverpool is that of the tremendous success enjoyed by the Merseyside giants, winning all the honours that the English game has to offer, as well as over 50 caps.

Neal took charge of Bolton in November 1985, and despite being unable to halt their slide into the Fourth, he has been given ample opportunity to repay the boards faith in him, and he looks to have another promising career ahead of himself.

FactFile

LAST TIME

Saturday, 5th December, 1987—

F.A. Cup Second Round

Wrexham 1 (Hinnigan 17th min.)...

Bolton Wanderers 2 (Thomas 7th, 77th mins.)

Robins: Salmon, Preece, Wright (Emson) Hinnigan, Williams, Fairbrother, Buxton, Bowden, Cunningham, Russell, Carter (Slater 86 min.)

Bolton: Felgate, Scott, Crombie, Savage, Came, Neal, Brookman, Callaghan, Thomas, Elliott, Darby. Subs: Sutton, Morgan.

Attendance: 4,703.

Referee: John Key (Rotherham).

This was a game either side could have won, but in the end it was Bolton who won through with two goals from John Thomas.

With Wanderers player-manager Phil Neal returning to the starting line-up due to injuries in the squad, it was not long before they took the lead. Former Reds reserve Nicky Brookman took a quick free-kick on the left which caught the home defence out. Thomas was fast off the mark and his weak shot deflected in off Hinnigan's leg past the stranded Salmon.

Wrexham began to fight back and in the 17th minute a Mike Carter corner was played short to Darren Wright and then on to Fairbrother who shot from outside the box, but was saved by Felgate, the ball then fell to Bowden who crossed from the bye-line for Hinnigan to score.

The game carried on its frantic end to end play with both 'keepers busy. Then in the 77th minute that man Thomas scored again. He capitalised on an outstretched defence to beat Salmon, and put Bolton through to the next round.

BOLTON'S—Ups and Downs

Timewarp

1874—Year formed (as Christ Church F.C.)

1877—Became Bolton Wanderers

1880—Turned professional

1888—Founder member of Football League

1899—Relegated to Division Two

1900—Promoted to Division One (runners-up)

1903—Relegated to Division Two

1905—Promoted to Division One (runners-up)

1908—Relegated to Division Two

1909—Promoted to Division One (champions)

1910—Relegated to Division Two

1911—Relegated to Division One (runners-up)

1933—Relegated to Division Two

1935—Promoted to Division One (runners-up)

1964—Relegated to Division Two

1971—Relegated to Division Three

1973—Promoted to Division Two (champions)

1978—Promoted to Division One (champions)

1980—Relegated to Division Two

1983—Relegated to Division Three

1987—Relegated to Division Four

Summary:—	Division One	60 seasons
	Division Two	22 seasons
	Division Three	6 seasons
	Division Four	1 season

Football League: Best season, 3rd, Div. 1, 1892, 1921, 1925.

F.A. Cup: Winners 1923, 1926, 1929, 1988.

FL/Milk/Litt. Cup: Best season, semi-finalists 1977.

WREXHAM v. BOLTON WANDERERS down the years

Season	Division	Home	Away	Final Position	Robins	Trotters
1971-72	3	1-2	2-0	16	8	
1972-73	3	1-3	0-1	12	1	
1980-81	2	0-1	1-1	16	18	
1981-82	2	2-1	1-2	21	19	

TEAM TALK



JEFF CHANDLER



ANDY MAY

DAVID FELGATE (Goalkeeper)

Born in Blanaeu Ffestiniog in 1960, David joined Bolton from the local Blanaeu club in 1978 but spent his first two seasons on loan at Rochdale, Bradford and Crewe and moved to Lincoln in 1980 without making an appearance for Bolton. David made over 200 appearances for Lincoln and earned international recognition at Under-21 level, making one full appearance, against Rumania at the Racecourse in 1983. At the end of 1984/85 David moved to Grimsby but after 24 games there signed for Bolton, making his debut in 1986, 8 years after originally signing for the club!

DEREK SCOTT (Defender)

A former England schoolboy, Derek served an apprenticeship with Burnley before making 285 appearances between 1974 and June 1985, when a £20,000 fee secured his services for Bolton. Derek has now made over 100 appearances for the Trotters.

PHIL NEAL (Defender)

Player manager at Burnden Park, 37 year old Phil won more honours than any other professional footballer during his 12 year career with Liverpool, missed only one game between 1975/76 and 1984/85. In total, Phil made 455 League appearances for Liverpool and more than 100 appearances in the Cup competitions after joining the Anfield club in 1974 from Northampton where had made over 200 appearances since making his debut in 1968. Phil took over the managerial reins at Bolton in November 1985.

GARY HENSHAW (Defender)

Gary served his apprenticeship at Grimsby before going on to play 50 matches for the Mariners between 1983 and 1986. Joined Bolton on a free transfer last summer.

MARK CAME (Defender)

Mark joined Bolton in April 1984 from Cheshire League Winsford United and has now made almost 150 League appearances for Bolton. Mark has 4 goals to his credit this term.

JULIAN DARBY (Midfield)

Bolton born, Julian joined his local club in 1984, breaking into the first team in 1985/86. Julian now has more than 60 first team appearances to his name but had to wait until the visit of Carlisle to Burnden Park in October to score his first goal, also scored in the 2-1 at Orient at the beginning of April.

NICKY BROOKMAN (Midfield)

Nineteen years old Nicky made his debut in April 1987 after joining Bolton on the Y.T.S. Has scored 7 League and Cup goals this term.

STEVE THOMPSON (Midfield)

Steve joined Bolton as an apprentice in 1980, making his first team debut towards the end of the 1982/83 season. Now has over 200 appearances to his credit and, this term, has hit 7 League goals.

ANDY MAY (Midfield)

Andy joined Bolton on loan from Huddersfield on transfer deadline day, March 24th. A former England Under-21 international, Andy began his career with Manchester City, where he made 150 League appearances before moving last year to Huddersfield. Andy made his Bolton debut in the 0-0 draw against Rochdale and in his second appearance scored the important winner at Leyton Orient. Also scored in the 2-1 Easter Monday win over Burnley.

MARK WINSTANLEY (Midfield)

20 years old Mark was formerly on the Y.T.S. at Burnden Park, making his first team debut in 1985/86. Mark has now made over 20 appearances and scored his first goal in the 6-0 rout of Newport a fortnight ago.

TREVOR MORGAN (Forward)

32 years old Trevor was a late starter in League soccer, joining Bournemouth from Vauxhall-Opel League Leytonstone-Ilford in 1980. Trevor played 88 times for the Cherries and had a 12 game spell at Mansfield before embarking on a West Country tour in 1983 which took in 81 appearances at Bristol City in two separate spells, 55 appearances at Bristol Rovers and 30 at Exeter. Phil Neal paid £20,000 to take Trevor to Bolton last summer. Has scored 9 goals this term.

STEVE ELLIOTT (Forward)

Formerly an apprentice at Nottingham Forest, Steve played 4 times for Brian Clough's side in 1978/79 before moving that season to Preston. Steve hit 70 goals for the Deepdale club in 208 games up to 1984 when he moved for a brief spell to Luton and from there to Walsall where he scored 21 goals in 69 games. Steve cost £25,000 when he moved to Bolton in the summer of 1986.

JOHN THOMAS (Forward)

John began his League career at Everton, making his League debut on loan at Tranmere in 1978/79. Another loan spell followed at Halifax in 1979/80 before he moved to Bolton in 1980 and made 22 appearances in two years. But John was allowed to leave in the summer of 1982 hitting 20 goals in 44 matches in 1982/83. Successful spells followed at Lincoln (18 goals in 60 appearances between 1983 and 1985) and at Preston where he hit 17 goals in 1985/86 and 23 goals in North End's promotion push last season. A £30,000 fee took John back to Wanderers last summer and has more than repaid his fee with 20 League goals this term and 5 in the Cups.

SHOWCASE

For this the final Showcase of the present season we feature the only history so far known to be written about the club. Although we have been told a book was printed just after the last War, no one has a copy of it.

Really the Robins' Story is an enlarged handbook produced by then programme editor Anthony Jones, to help celebrate Wrexham's centenary at the end of 1973/74.

All the usual items normally found in a yearbook are included, previous seasons results, player profiles, forewords by the Manager, Chairman and Mayor plus a review of the great run to the F.A. Cup quarter-finals in 1974.

Outside of this Anthony includes many interesting articles which illustrate the clubs colourful past. There is a look at that goalscoring machine Tommy Bamford, a review of our first season as a League club, a brief description of War-Time football in the town and the memories of Gordon Gunson, a pre-war player.

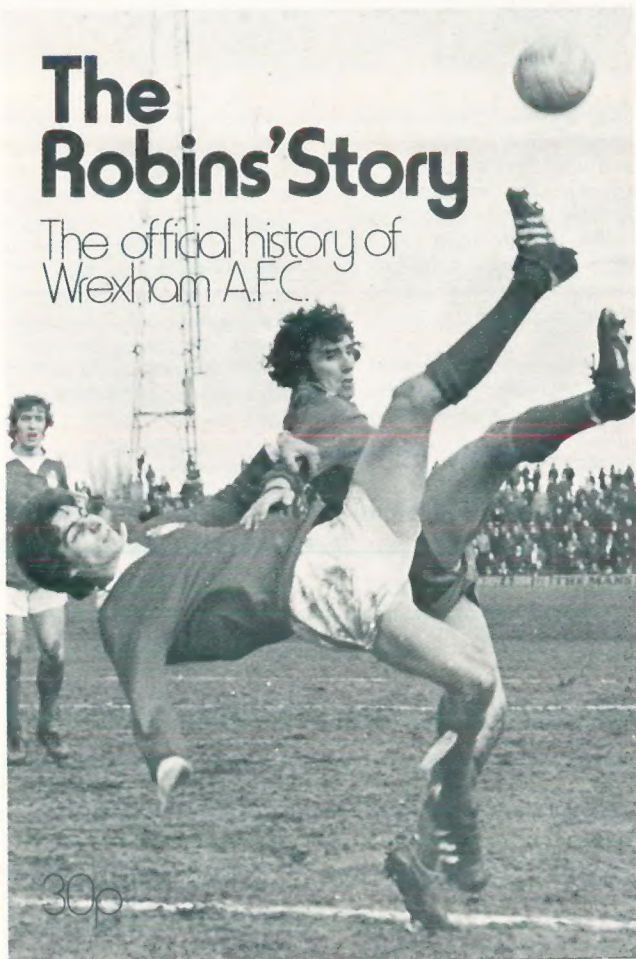
There are plenty of statistics concerning our complete record against all the league clubs we had met up till then and a detailed break down of the previous 10 seasons results, covering league and cup matches.

Perhaps the best piece is that trying to trace the clubs history from formation, till the outbreak of the Second World War. Not an easy task.

Needless to say that if anyone can loan us a copy of the 1940's book, if indeed one was produced, we would be extremely grateful.

The Robins' Story

The official history of Wrexham A.F.C.



30p



RENT A **NEW**
20" COLOUR TV
FOR ONLY **£7.95** PER MONTH

FREE DELIVERY

FREE

14" PORTABLE COLOUR TELEVISION



RENT A **NEW** 14" PORTABLE
COLOUR TV
FOR ONLY **£4.95** PER MONTH

RENT A **NEW**
VHS VIDEO RECORDER
FOR ONLY **£11.95** PER MONTH

FREE VIDEO CLUB MEMBERSHIP

But if you rent both the 20" Colour TV and the 14" PORTABLE TV you have a 14" PORTABLE TV FREE during the entire duration of the rental period PLUS Have the rental package for 48 months and the 14" TV becomes **YOUR PROPERTY ABSOLUTELY FREE!**

Minimum Rental 18mths

FREE CAR PARK

OPEN 6 DAYS 9-5.30

YOU CAN TRUST T.E. ROBERTS

33 KING STREET, WREXHAM ☎ 364404 NEW ST., RUTHIN RD., MOLD ☎ 58575

SIDELINES

Everton and Liverpool who in recent years have set standards others have yearned to emulate have now followed the initiative of 22 other Football League Clubs by joining a scheme aimed at improving relations with the surrounding community.

Anxious to do whatever they can to help the game clean up what was referred to by John Smith, Liverpool's chairman, as a "tarnished image"—and he above all others should know what he's talking about—the Merseyside giants were united in backing a project launched by the League and the Professional Footballers Association two years ago.

Hooliganism

The principal objectives of the scheme are to reduce hooliganism and vandalism through professional players calling on and talking to various social groups, including 'the man on the street'.

Philip Carter, chairman of Everton and president of the Football League, said: "Any involvement at all with the community has got to be beneficial. We are constantly being criticised for policing everybody who goes to football matches. This scheme may go some way to bringing about a greater element of fairness around the grounds" (even if it does nothing for what goes off on the pitch).

Mr Smith, who is a leading voice on the Sports Council added: "Liverpool were one of the first clubs to realise the importance of taking football to the community. What we are seeing today is an extension of our desire to be associated with the public at large. We are in an industry which has a tarnished image and we've got to improve that.

The "Community Programmes in Football" which, like the league 100 years ago, was conceived in the north of England, and has quickly spread, is funded by the Manpower Services Commission, which makes an average of £35,000 a year available to each club, their outlay is offset by club's recruiting staff from the unemployment register.

Mr. Carter added: "It is hoped eventually to have all 92 League clubs in the scheme."

Gordon Taylor, secretary of the P.F.A., said: "Players know that they have to more involved with the public to promote the game. Through this programme we've been able to involve current and ex-players. The role of former players at supervisor level at the various clubs has been a major part of the success of the scheme.

In charge of the two new Merseyside projects is Duncan McKenzie, a former Everton striker. He will be assisted at Goodison by Alan Whittle and at Anfield by Brian

Kettle, both former players.

The addition of Everton and Liverpool takes the representation from the old county of Lancashire to 12. Hull City and Leeds United, who are joining shortly, will take the Yorkshire membership to 12 as well, with Chester and Crewe completing the list.

Overpaid!

Now if you happen to think some of the players over here are grossly overpaid for booting a ball about, then how do you think Diego "Hand of God" Maradona fares? Not too badly. To appear in last month's tournament in Berlin, he asked for and was given, £189,000. The authorities said they had no option but to pay, as without him the event would have been a flop (wasn't it anyway?). Since 1st December he has collected \$1.15 million. Instalments include $\frac{1}{4}$ of a million for 45 minutes in Egypt, \$200,000 for showing the Sheik of the U.A.E. how to play football (look, no hands!) and a further \$350,000 for playing with his brothers. His club Naples pay him \$1.5 million a season, plus \$18,000 for each goal he scores, and 25% of all souvenir sales. Just in case the poor chap's feeling a little home sick and hard up, they provide 12 free flights from Naples to Buenos Aires—first class of course because it's a hard life.

DRIVE THEM HOME WITH HI-TEC.

To play better soccer you need determination, fitness, the will to work hard and, above all, the ability to control the ball.

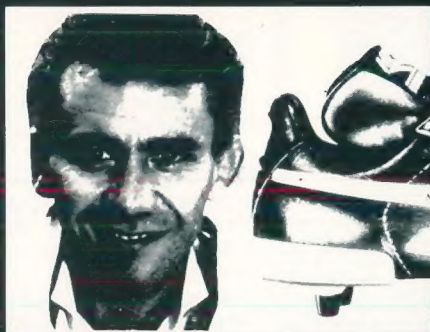
A better football boot can help, as our own soccer stars know only too well. They know Hi-Tec bring out the best in a player. Here's why.

Peter Reid looks at the new Hi-Tec Napoli.

'A boot that really scores all round. With full-grain Nappa leather uppers, computer-aided toe stitching for total support and ball control, frelonic memory insole, PU Multi-flex riveted sole and replaceable studs.'

A boot as professional as player of the year Peter Reid.

Sizes 6-12 (39-46) ½ sizes



Look what Steve MacMahon thinks of the new Hi-Tec Manta.

'Staying competitive throughout a game requires a boot that's totally comfortable and responsive. The Manta fulfils that role, with soft, full-grain Nappa leather uppers, vari-width lacing for forefoot support, a stability counter to control heel movement and a durable PU Multi-flex sole with replaceable safety studs.'

A real Super Star's boot.

Sizes 4-12 (36-46) ½ sizes



Emlyn Hughes gives the low-down on Hi-Tec Torres.

'A great boot that has all the style, quality and features of Hi-Tec's professional boots, including Nappa leather uppers - and all for under £20.'

It's comforting to know Hi-Tec think about a player's pocket as well as their game.'

Sizes 2-12 (34-46) ½ sizes



4-wheel drive for your feet

Hi-Tec Sports Ltd,
Towerfield Road,
Shoeburyness, Essex.
Tel: 03708-6461

HI-TEC

AROUND

Welcome

For the second time this season we welcome Bolton Wanderers to the Racecourse. The first was back in December for an F.A. Cup second round game, which of course Bolton, won as they did the league match at Burnden Park two weeks later.

Wanderers are still very much involved in the promotion hunt and no doubt will bring another large following with them, but if they think we have nothing to play for now, just go and ask Wolves.

Early Starters

No one up here was thrilled about the idea of playing the Welsh Cup final at Swansea anyway and the news that game will kick-off at 11.30 a.m. next Sunday has not been well received by our supporters. But we would still urge anyone not already going, to think again.

It will mean hitting the road early in the morning to arrive on time, but this is a very important match for the club. Victory against Cardiff will see us back into Europe and the hope of drawing a top continental side. But we have to overcome City first and your support is vital. With the game being played so close to Ninian Park, Cardiff are assured of a big following and to stop it being further turned into a home game for them, we need to get as many Wrexham fans to Swansea as possible.

If travelling on a Sunday



Who's the Star Man?

It's that time again when people are voting for their player of the season and this year there have been several candidates until lately for the annual programme "Star Man" award. Each week a selected panel of supporters choose their man of the match and this appears in our Match by Match column at the back of the issue. At the moment it looks as if Kevin Russell will be clear of the field, having notched up eleven awards with his nearest rival, Mike Williams (above) on seven. The two nearest after that are Joey Jones and Mike Salmon with five-a-piece. As to who will walk off with the player of the season award, remains to be seen, but his 25 goals so far this season have ensured that Kevin Russell has certainly scooped the Star Man award for 1987-88. In congratulating Kevin, a word also for Mark Morris, Roger Preece, Darren Wright, Joe Hinnigan, Jon Bowden, Geoff Hunter, Brian Flynn, Mike Carter, Steve Buxton and Ollie Kearns all of whom made "Star" ratings after five performances.

Apologies

For all of you who travelled to Rochdale last Monday and who found that it cost £3 to get into the ground with no concessions. I had stated that it would cost £2.80 with £1.50 for OAP's/Juniors which of course proved to be incorrect. However this information was given to me by Rochdale F.C. whilst I apologise for any inconvenience caused I do feel that they could have been more helpful!

presents a problem, then call in at the Supporters shop and book a place on the Travel Club coaches. Further details on page 18. Please make the effort to be at the Vetch Field, your club needs you.

Charity Dinner

The Welsh Sports Association for people with Mental Handicap have asked us to mention a special Dinner they are holding at Aston College on Wednesday 18th May, 8.00 for 8.30 p.m. In addition to the meal prepared by the Catering Department of the College, after dinner speakers will include former England and Everton forward Duncan Mackenzie and Liverpool comedian Hal Nolan. Tickets cost £20 and are limited to 120 Gentlemen. Please contact H.J. Phillips at Powys School, Dodd's Lane, Gwersyllt or ring him on Wrexham 755921.

Congratulations

To Lincoln City on bouncing back to the Fourth Division at the first attempt, as our games with Kidderminster proved this is no easy League to escape from. The Board's faith in staying full-time has paid off and with crowds flocking back to Sincil Bank, we will need to keep an eye on them next year in the promotion race. Unfortunately there seems little way that Newport County can achieve the same feat, but we wish them well for the future.

THE TOWN

Commiserations

To Jack Keay and his Derry City team-mates, for last weekend the man from Northern Ireland lost 1-0 to Dundalk in the FAI Cup Final. The game in Dublin attracted a 21,000 gate with 15,000 wearing the Red of Derry, quite amazing support for a club only restored to senior football three years ago. But Jack does have the consolation of taking his side in to next seasons EWC.

Ewrop i ddod

Croeso i'n hymwelwyr gyfagos yma i'r Cae Ras, am gêm ola'r tymor yn y bedwaredd adran, sef Bolton Wanderers.

Dyma ni wedi cyrraedd tymor arall, ac yn anffodus tymor a ddilynodd yr un hen stori o be-all-wedi-bod. Mae cymaint o bobl wedi so am gyrraedd y 'play-offs', one mae'n debyg fod colli i Darlington wedi rhoi diwedd ar y syniad yna. Ond mae ambell uchafbwynt wedi ei gyrraedd yn ystod y tymor gan gynnwys curo Caerdydd o 3-0, curo Wolves o 2-0 ac o 4-2, ac wrth gwrs y rhediad diweddar.

Call y Cochion orffen y tymor ar nodyn gan guro Bolton heddiw. Hwn fydd y trydydd tro i'r ddau dîm gwrrd y tymor hon, gyda Bolton wedi curo Wrecsam yng Nghwpan Lloegr o ddwy gôl i un, a phythefnos yn ddiweddarach ar 19 Rhagfyr fe aeth y Cochion i Burnden Park a cholli o ddwy gôl i ddim. Bydd Bolton yn hapus iawn cs caent ganglu'r pwyntiau



Thanks Silvergate

As the 1987-88 season draws to a close today in the league anyway, it gives us a chance to thank all of our sponsors who have made contributions this season. Whether it be kit, matchball or complete match sponsorship, the generosity of supporters and companies this season has been tremendous.

Our photo above shows one such sponsor, Silvergate Plastics Ltd., who sponsored the matchball against Newport County. Directors Jon Guyett and Lyn Thomas, have given tremendous support during the season, and long may it continue. Lyn's son Andrew is seen here presenting the matchball to Robins centre-back Joe Hinningan, prior to the game. To all our sponsors, once again a big thank and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

New Signing

This story is a little "fishy" but if you've been to the club offices lately you will see that there is a new face at the club these days—and after the transfer deadline. No its not a player but a cat—yes "Gladys" has been taken in and ever since, the team has been winning. Apparently there was no fee involved but the players are having to contribute 20p a week to a "kitty" for her food, ouch!.

prynhawn yma gan fod safle'r timoedd wrth frig yr adran yn dyn iawn.

Beth bynnag fydd y canlyniad heddiw, mae gêm bwysig Wrecsam eto i'w ddod wythnos nesaf pan chwareur Rownd Derfynol Cwpan Cymru. Braf fydd mynd i Ewrop wedi newid y record i 23 o fuddugoliaethau!

Star Man Award

For the second year running we have been awarding a Man-of-the-Match to a Wrexham player after each game. These are decided in a very democratic way, namely a show of hands in the nearest pub following the match. Resulting from this we are pleased to announce that Kevin Russel is this season's winner, holding off a late challenge from Mike Williams to lift this prestigious trophy, indeed another footballing honour can never quite match up to this . . . ! Well done Kevin and the rest of the Lads.

. . . and Finally

As this is our last chance we would like to thank everyone for supporting this years programme by purchasing a copy week in and week out. We have managed to keep out heads above water on sales alone, so leaving the advertising revenue as profit for the club.

Our thanks also the contributors, and the patient printers in Manchester. Thanks to everyone, enjoy the summer break and we look forward to being back with you in August.

DAVID CROFTS

FUEL INJECTION & AUTO ELECTRICAL SERVICES LTD.

OFFICIAL **CAV** AGENT
FOR WREXHAM AND CHESTER AREAS

We are the LARGEST Fuel Injection & Auto Electrical Specialists in the area ...

Contact ... **DAVID CROFTS**

FUEL INJECTION & AUTO ELECTRICAL SERVICES LTD.

WREXHAM BRANCH

Unit 1, West Bank Road,
LLAY

Tel: Gresford 3839 5280

CHESTER BRANCH

Unit 5, Broughton Mills Road,
BRETTON, CHESTER

Tel: 0244 660787

AN UNBEATABLE TEAM

The Clwyd Industry Team can provide your business with a package that could include cheap loans, cash grants, rent free periods, factories from only £1.50 per sq. ft, training assistance, WDA finance, an Enterprise Zone and technology parks.

For further information and the Clwyd fact pack contact the Clwyd Industry Team, Clwyd County Council, Shire Hall, Mold, Clwyd CH7 6NB. Tel 0352-2121.

A better business decision
Clwyd
THE COUNTY OF
WALES



Proprietor
Malcolm K. Davies



adlink

Advertising Consultants

FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AS
NORTH WALES'
LEADING ADVERTISING AGENCY

ESTABLISHED OVER 11 YEARS

7 Glynne Way, Hawarden, Clwyd,
North Wales CH5 3NS.
Hawarden (0244) 531706

AZ of Wrexham F.C.

By Gareth Davies

LITTLEHALES, Harry. Joined his local side Burslem Port Vale as a left-winger, moving on to play for Reading in the Third Division (South) Transmere acquired his services in 1923 and Harry remained at Prenton Park for the next nine seasons. He came to Wrexham in 1932 but was released the following summer.

Wrexham League Record:

Season	Apps.	Goals
1932-33	5	0

LITTLER, Joe Eric. Born in St. Helens, Joe was picked up by Leicester City from Stubshaw Cross F.C. in 1951. After 3½ years at Filbert Street and only 5 games, he moved in an exchange deal to Lincoln in December 1954. This stay lasted only 7 months before another exchange deal saw him arrive at the Racecourse and Tommy Bannan go to Sincil Bank. Within 6 months he moved yet again, this time to Crewe but only survived till the end of the 55/6 season.

Wrexham League Record:

Season	Apps.	Goals
1955-56	12	1

LIVSEY, Gordon. Came to Wrexham on trial from Kettering Town in Jan. 1967 but broke his leg in the match. Gordon made a quick recovery over the summer and returned for another trial period, eventually signing pro-forms in the October. For the next two seasons he was the regular first-team goalkeeper choice, but the arrival of Dave Gaskell limited his chances and Gordon moved to Chester in 1971. After a 44 appearances in 7½ he returned to Kettering Town. Then in Dec. 77 he signed for Hartlepool, playing 5 games that season.

Wrexham League Record:

Season	Apps.	Goals
1967-68	33	0
1968-69	38	0
1969-70	1	0
1970-71	7	0
	79	0

LLOYD, Brian. Coming from St. Asaph, Brian started out with Rhyl, from where Stockport spotted him and signed him in 1967. Two years later it was onto Southend, before a return to North Wales in August 1971. Once his



CLIFF LLOYD

consistent displays had won him the green jersey from Dave Gaskell, Brian then set up a record number of consecutive appearances for a British goalkeeper. So after 5 seasons without missing a game, it came as a shock to many fans when he was allowed to leave for Chester in 1977. He then also had spells with Port Vale and Stockport. He returned to Wrexham in 1984 but made no further appearances, signing later for Bangor City and Colwyn Bay. The holder of 3 Welsh Caps, Brian is still a regular visitor to the Racecourse.

Wrexham League Record:

1971-72	35	0
1972-73	46	0
1973-74	46	0
1974-75	46	0
1975-76	46	0
1976-77	46	0
1977-78	1	0
	266	0

LLOYD, Clifford. Along with such as Arfon Griffiths and Tommy Bamford, the name of Cliff Lloyd is inseparable from that of Wrexham F.C. Born in 1912 at Brymbo, Cliff played his early football for the Brymbo club and a trial spell with Liverpool, joining Wrexham in 1932. It was not until 1937 that he made the first-team as a forward, then Fulham stepped in to take him to London just prior to the Second World War. A broken leg against Charlton in 1946 restricted his appearances but he did join Bristol Rovers in 1950. Not long after he returned to Wrexham as secretary and at various times took on the dual role of secretary/manager, with some success. He remained with us until his retirement in 1973, helping the club through the dark days of the mid 60's.

Wrexham League Record:

1937-38	6	1
1938-39	7	1
	13	2



QUICK QUIZ

SUPPLIED BY QOI OF WREXHAM

1. In what year did Bolton win the F.A. Charity Shield?
2. What "first" was Bolton involved in on 9th September 1960?
3. In the famous 1952-53 Cup Final Bolton lost to Blackpool, but which team did they beat in their semi-final?
4. In 1977-78, Bolton were Second Division Champions, but which two clubs were promoted with them?
5. Name the Bolton forward who joined Wrexham during the early '60's in the deal that took Wyn Davies to Burnden Park.
6. This player left Wrexham in 1965 to join which club?
7. Which three Football League grounds in Britain take their names from other sports?
8. Which club was Jasper Carrot a director of?
9. Who were last season's North West Counties League Champions?
10. The team referred to in question nine resigned from Division 3 (North) in 1923. Which two clubs were elected to replace them?
11. Name the only Northern based club to have played in Division Three's inaugural season (1920-21).
12. Palmerston Park is the home of which Scottish League Club?

12. Queen of the South.
11. Grimstey Town—their nearest rivals being Northampton Town.
10. Doncaster Rovers and New Brighton.
9. Stalybridge Celtic.
8. Birmingham City.
7. Rugby Park is home to Kilmarnock.
6. Wrexham's Racecourse Ground and Derby County's Baseball Ground.
5. Hartlepool's United.
4. Ernie Prynian.
3. Tottenham Hotspur finished third.
2. Southamption as runners-up and Tottenham Hotspur finished third.
1. Blackpool 1-0.
0. Tottenham Hotspur, 2-1.
0. The first Football League game to be televised live: Bolton defeated Blackpool 1-0.
0. The first Football League game to be televised live: Bolton defeated Blackpool 1-0.

ANSWERS:

Quiz Questions Incorporated

We supply questions on a number of subjects for Quiz Leagues all over the country. Also, quiz nights can be a valuable fund raising activity for Clubs & Charities etc. Contact David Davies on (0978) 364829.

NEWGATE MOTOR COMPANY LTD



"Exclusively"
Mercedes-Benz



PASSENGER CARS AND
LIGHT COMMERCIALS

TELEPHONE: CHESTER
(0244) 47441
30-36 TARVIN ROAD
BOUGHTON CHESTER

PRITCHARD SIGNS

SIGNS OF ALL KINDS

*"From Traditional Sign Writing to the
Latest in Vinyl Graphics. Vehicles,
Factories, Shops—you name it we
sign it"*



Unit 208, Redwither Industrial Complex,
Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham.
Tel. Wrexham 363000/660193



BETTER BREAD

The Village Bakery (Coedpoeth) Ltd.
Wrexham T20558.

QUEENSFERRY MOTOR AUCTIONS

Sales Every Friday at 2.30
BUYING OR SELLING?

For further details:

A. BERNIE & CO. LTD.
QUEENSFERRY,
DEESIDE

TEL. (0244) 813414



FOR BETTER SERVICE
FOR BETTER VALUE
FOR BETTER PART EX. PRICES

A. BERNIE CO. LTD.
QUEENSFERRY, DEESIDE

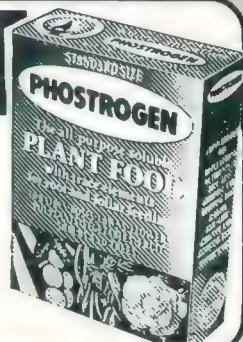
Phone: (0244) 813414

PHOSTROGEN

ACCEPTED BY MILLIONS AS

THE WORLD'S BEST PLANT FOOD

PHOSTROGEN LIMITED, CORWEN, CLWYD LL21 0EE





Top: **Steve Massey** joins in Geoff Hunter's celebrations after the midfielder had scored against Wolves.

Middle: Next it's the turn of **Roger Preece** to congratulate the star midfielder on his goal which gave Wrexham a 3-2 lead against Wolves last Saturday.



Bottom: **Kevin Russell** keeps up his 100% record from the penalty spot with this superbly struck shot against Wolves.



PROFILE

GORDON MYTTON

Ask any member of the local press or any media for that matter, who is the most difficult man to get hold of for an interview, then unanimously they will cry Gordon Mytton, the Chairman of Wrexham F.C.

However, as I found out this week there are usually two or three reasons for this. The first is that Gordon Mytton is probably Wrexham's most successful building developer, and trying to contact him at the moment is equative to phoning the president—he's never in! But another reason why he is so reluctant to comment on items when pressmen phone is that it usually involves a question of answer rumour which inevitably runs rife through the town—more especially when the team is losing.

When I spoke to him this week, he was both courteous and forthright in his views, about Wrexham F.C., a club he genuinely loves and cares about, as do the other directors, who have instilled vast sums of personal cash to keep the club above water in recent years.

"I want people to realise that it is not just myself who has put a fortune into this club, even though I do hold the majority shareholding" he said, referring to the loyalty of the present board at the Racecourse.

The Board do however realise that the present problems being experienced financially within the club are nothing new, "We have a superb hard-core of supporters, around 1,800 who follow week in week out, but the break even figure for the club is just under 3,000, so we do need the towns folk to attend regularly if this club is to go places. There were over 2,500 home fans at the Wolves game and those who came must have been delighted. Just think if they brought a friend!"

That may not be as easy to do but Robins sparkling displays of late must have given Dixie McNeil renewed zest for 1988-89, and also the board of directors.

Gordon Mytton was born on 8th December 1943 in Bangor-on-dee in what was then Flintshire. His love of football shone through at an early age and as he recalls, his first memories are from the Racecourse.

"I was, and still am of course a staunch Wrexham fan and my earliest recollections are of seeing the side during the mid-fifties, in those days I was a 'Kopite' and the club was a strong Division Three North side.

The trade at which he began his apprenticeship was one which was to shape a career which has seen the birth and growth of "Gordon Mytton Developments" as a household name in North East Wales and Cheshire.

After beginning life as a joiner, more contractual work enabled him to take on larger projects and at present has three luxury housing developments, almost completely sold out in the area. Some success indeed, some would say of "local lad—made good" but what of his success with Wrexham F.C.

"I suppose you could say I've been here during all the bad times. When I joined they were relegated to the Third Division soon after and then dropped quickly through to the Fourth".

Whilst Mr. Mytton admits that it has not been the most successful of times, he admitted, when he took over the mantle of Chairman, that the first task was to reduce the arrears of the ailing club.

"I was honoured to take over as Chairman at the start of last season but I made it clear from the start that the major reasons behind a successful club, are good team results and continued support. This has been evident though only in fits and starts."

I put it to Mr. Mytton that the gates were unlikely to exceed 3,000 regularly and if so—would Dixie get cash for new players?

"That's a question of balancing the books. On the one hand you have to have a good squad and the board appreciate Dixie's predicament in that, but there is no bottomless pit from which to draw reserves. Therefore next seasons squad cannot theoretically be any larger than this season, due entirely to players wages and contracts. If someone were to move on, then Dixie would be given free rein to pull another player in—it's as simple as that."

Mr. Mytton and his directors have always stated that there is no such thing as a "free" transfer as players look for perks such as signing on fees as well as built in bonuses. So without added cash for new players does Mr. Mytton believe we have a solid base for next season.

"Look at the last few weeks results. Also look at the crowds—there is no comparison with early on in the season. I had lunch with the Wolves Chairman before our game last week and he told me his total gate receipts for the previous game topped £65,000. We sometimes struggle to get that in a dozen games. That's the difference when you have good gates."

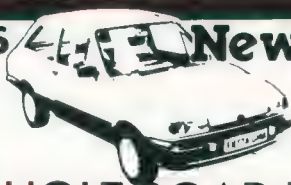
Wolves will soon be on their way to Majorca as a thank-you gesture from the board, something I'm sure the Wrexham board would love to do. The Board's long term aims at Wrexham have sound foundations as they try to get players on longer term contracts. They know only too well how damaging it is to a club to have players free to choose their destiny, so they must secure their contracts earlier. That takes cash and one scheme which will benefit not only the club but the area is the proposed Mold Road development.

"We are having satisfactory talks at the moment with the council, with a minor problem over the entrances onto Mold Road, but we should have a super terrace for our fans and a development behind, before long."

One factor will be vital in the whole question of redevelopment at the Racecourse. Can the towns folk turn up in enough numbers to make it pay, along with the retail potential of course; if they can—will the Welsh F.A. move back from Cardiff. I doubt it but the efforts of Gordon Mytton and his board will surely have raised many eyebrows in South Wales. Lets hope that the team and supporters of Wrexham F.C. can go some way to repaying them!

FIRST FOR FORD IN NORTH WALES

KIRBYS



New For
The
Qu
HOLT ROAD·WRE



Autograph:

CAREER STATS

Name: Gordon Mytton.

Birthplace: Bangor-on-Dee.

Birthdate: 8th December, 1943.

Date joined Wrexham F.C. Board of Directors: 1980-81 season.

Appointed Chairman:
September 1986.

Previous Appointment:
Vice-Chairman.

Business Address: Gordon
Mytton Developments Ltd.
Telephone Wrexham 780405.



238 m (1260kHz) 103.4 MHz VHF

*"Stay tuned to Marcher
throughout the summer for
the very latest news from
the Racecourse Ground.*

*Tune into
MARCHER SOUND on
103.4FM or 1260AM."
Your local independent
Radio Station.*

ds at Keenest Prices
e BIG Choice in
ality Used Cars



MAIN DEALER

9.00—7.00 Weekdays (5.00 SAT)
and 1.00—5.00 SUNDAYS

XHAM TEL·WREXHAM 290690

COLLECTORS CORNER

Well here we are at the end of another long season but on the programme front we have one major event left. On Tuesday, 17th May 1988 there will be a meeting of the West Midlands Programme Collectors Club at the Turf commencing at 7.30 p.m.

On display will be a selection of pre-war Wrexham programmes dating back to 1907 as well as there being lots of post-war issues for sale. It promises to be an enjoyable evening so why not make a date in your diary.

As for next season's "Robins Review", plans are already being formulated to bring you what we hope will be an even better issue with a number of new articles and new contributors. Indeed, if you are interested in getting involved in producing the programmes then why not pop in for a chat with the Editors in the Club Shop after today's match.

Indeed, it should be quite busy at the Centre Spot Shop this afternoon with there being a sale of all 87-88 programmes. As the advert says, everything must go, so its first come first served.

Finally, here are my own Programme of the Year awards:

DIVISION ONE.

1. Arsenal.
2. Everton.
3. Tottenham Hotspur.

DIVISION TWO

1. Swindon Town.
2. Aston Villa.
3. Manchester City.

DIVISION THREE

1. Sunderland.
2. Brighton.
3. Notts County.

DIVISION FOUR

1. Tranmere Rovers.
2. Colchester United.
3. Wolves.

THE TRAVELLING FAN

The above name is the name of a club being formed in the South of England for any football fan who has visited fifty or more League grounds. Mr. D. Merrick has sent the club a letter, outlining his plans for the club, which will produce a monthly magazine, competitions, and information for the "genuine" supporter.

If you would like any more information on the club write to him at "The Travelling Fan", P.O. Box 132, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 2PB.

Incidentally, Wrexham will be featured in his magazine later this year.

TODAY'S MASCOT

It gives us great pleasure today to give a warm Wrexham F.C. welcome to a young man by the name of Paul Jackson. The difference today is that he's a Bolton Wanderers fan and attends Church Road County Primary School in Bolton.

Even though he's only seven years of age now, he's been supporting the Wanderers since he was six weeks old! His favourite players are Mark Came and Dave Felgate.

Enjoy your day Paul!

TRAVELLING REDS

CARDIFF CITY v WREXHAM The Welsh Cup Final

Sunday, May 15th, 1988, Kick-off 11.30 pm at the Vetch Field, Swansea, West Glamorgan. Telephone: (0792) 474114.

● **The Match**—Well, what did you expect anyway—yes not only is the match at Swansea but it is also at 11.30 a.m. on a Sunday morning, due to intervention by the South Wales Police.

● **The Costs**—At present the Welsh F.A. have not decided what to charge for the match however if normal Vetch prices apply—you will be charged £5.50 to sit down. (£2 concession for Juniors/OAPs); and £3.00 to view the game from the terrace. Which terrace ??? The visitors of course. You don't think that Cardiff would stand there do you!

● **The Route**—for the 141 miles, 3 hours 25 minute journey.

Wrexham—follow signs Oswestry A483 out of town and on to the Ruabon by-pass—at its end in 3 miles follow A483 signs Oswestry via Newbridge to join A5 signs Shrewsbury. Stay on A5 for 7.5 miles and at 3rd roundabout on new Oswestry by-pass take signs A483 Welshpool. Stay on this for 16 miles then forward at Welshpool staying on A483 to Newton some 14 miles farther. Stay on A483, bearing left after town centre to follow signs Llandrindod Wells A483. In 23 miles at Cross gates, follow A483 onto Builth Wells 11 miles further on from Cross Gates. Take right turn then A483 signs Llandovery some 24 miles further on. At Llandovery road becomes A40 to Llandeilo. In 13 miles at Llandeilo forward on A483 now signs Pontardawe/Swansea. In 0.7 miles at Flairfach crossroads turn right A476, and follow signs Llanelli; then stay on this for 8 miles to Cross Hands. At traffic island turn left signs A48 Swansea and join (in 3 miles), M4 motorway. Stay on M4 for 7 miles then leave at J47. At roundabout, take signs A483. Stay on this for 28 miles, at Forest Fach, at traffic lights forward into Camarthen Road. Stay on this Junction with Dyfallyt Street 1 1/2 miles farther. Turn right signs town centre. At roundabout in 600 yards, take 2nd exit onto Street for Swansea City F.C.—The Vetch Field.



SPEAKEASY COCKTAIL BAR
AND RESTAURANT
AND
BOOTLEGGERS
ENTERTAINMENTS BAR

PRIVATE FUNCTIONS CATERED FOR

CRISPEN LANE, WREXHAM.

Tel. 357186 or 366186.

**"REACH FOR WREXHAM-
THEY'RE SO PERSUASIVE"**



Thanks to:

- EEC and Development Area incentives.
- Rent-free periods in advance factories.
- Welsh Development Agency assistance.
- Excellent industrial relations.
- Easy access to major markets.

Check for yourself by returning our coupon. Or call Des Jones at Wrexham (0978) 290444.

Wrexham



To the Chief Executive Officer, The Guildhall,
Wrexham LL11 1AY, Clwyd, North Wales
I would like to know more about Wrexham
Please send me your brochure

Name _____
Position _____
Company _____
Address _____

Tel no _____ **FP**

Wrexham, Britain's High-Tech DEVELOPMENT AREA

Posters
Key Rings
Paper Weights
Licence Holders



Window Stickers
Badges
Sun Visors
Bus Advertisers

**VEHICLE
STICKERS**

**GOOD SIGNS ST. ASAPH
(0745) 582682.**

and all kinds of Advertising

Continental
CAN COMPANY (UK) LTD.



Manufacturers of high
quality aluminium
2-piece cans for the beer
and soft drinks industry

BRIDGE ROAD,
WREXHAM INDUSTRIAL
ESTATE.
Tel: Wrexham (0978) 661401.

FLASHBACK

TEN YEARS AGO

7th April 1978 Bangor City (A) Welsh Cup Final 1st Leg

2-1

Wrexham were looking to the bright lights of Europe after this comfortable first leg victory over Bangor who, despite staging a mini second half revival, never did enough to suggest a shock result in the forthcoming second leg.

Bangor were hit from all directions in the first half, their main problems coming from Wrexham's midfield trio of Thomas, Sutton and Cartwright.

Beside's their 44th minute goal, City had just two first half chances. Steve Hipwell shot too high on six minutes and Tony Broadhead's 37th minute effort was cleared by Thomas.

Apart from that it was all Wrexham, who could have been two up in five minutes as Cartwright's third minute effort scrapped the bar and a Whittle "special" was saved by 'keeper Craven at the second attempt.

After seven minutes Mel Sutton passed inside to Bobby Shinton, who spotting Craven off his line, chipped a brilliant lob into the net.

Craven redeemed himself with saves from Griffiths (twice), Whittle (twice) and Sutton before being beaten again on 40 minutes. John Roberts carved space for Cartwright to crack home a 25-yard shot which gave Craven no chance.

Just before the break Dai Davies was paralysed for collecting a cross with his foot up and City had an indirect free kick 12 yards out, Davies brilliantly saved Bill Telford's deflected kick, but substitute John Hughes fired home the rebound.

Wrexham: D. Davies, M. Evans, A. Dwyer, G. Davis, J. Roberts, M. Thomas, B. Shinton, M. Sutton, A. Griffiths, A. Whittle, L. Cartwright. (Sub: W. Cegielski).

Ref: Mr. Clive Thomas (Treorchy)

Attendance: 10,000.



TWENTY YEARS AGO

11th May 1968 York City (H) Div. 4

3-1

Wrexham wrapped up the season with a 3-1 home victory over York City. The Reds had gone 13 games without defeat, but the run had come too late for honours, and a disappointing crowd of only 3,000 turned up at the Racecourse to witness this end of season encounter. The Reds last defeat had been at Chesterfield two months earlier.

Ray Smith put the Reds ahead with the first attack of the game after only 60 seconds, then in the 68th minute he grabbed a second to put Wrexham back in front after City had equalised through Alderton. Albert Kinsey added the third with just two minutes remaining.

It was certainly no dull end of season affair, as the Yorkshiremen needed a win to avoid going cap in hand to the League's AGM in search of re-election.

In the York side was a very young Ted McDougall, brought to City for a big transfer fee from Liverpool. Playing alongside him was Albert Provan a forward later to join Wrexham in 1971 from Chester.

The Reds rounded their season off with a visit to Ireland for a Benefit match for two players of the local Cork Hibernian club. Then back at the Racecourse they hosted a Soccer Sixes Tournament, featuring Chester, Tranmere, Colwyn Bay, Shrewsbury, Wrexham, Caernarvon, Llangollen and Llandudno.

Wrexham: Livsey, Birmingham, Powell, Davis (Evans), Stacey, Beanland, Bradbury, Moir, Smith, Kinsey, Griffiths.

Ref: T.J. Hill (Macclesfield)

Att: 3,000



THIRTY YEARS AGO

4th May 1958 Scunthorpe v Carlisle Div 3N

3-1

This was the result that hundreds of Wrexham fans waiting outside the Racecourse had hoped for. Thousands more throughout North Wales gave a great sigh of relief when they found out. For by winning, champions Scunthorpe ensured that Wrexham stayed above Carlisle in 12th place and so earned a place in the new national Third Division.

The crowds in Mold went wild with delight at 8.30 p.m. when the result was telephoned through. It meant that the Reds gained their place on goal average from York City, although four clubs had finished the season with 46 points from 46 matches. Rochdale and Tranmere being the other two fortunate sides finishing 10th and 11th respectively.

This agonising wait could have been spared had the Reds not lost 2-1 at Tranmere Rovers in their final game, before a record league crowd for Prenton Park of 19,000.

Wrexham fans had another reason to celebrate when they took on Chester in the Final of the Welsh Cup. The game was played at Sealand Road and resulted in an entertaining 1-1 draw. The Reds taking a lead when Bill Murray pounced on a weak back-pass to walk the ball into the net. Ronnie Hughes converted a penalty to force a replay at the Racecourse.

The Cup stayed in Wales as Wrexham powered to a 2-1 victory. Murray and Tommy Bannan scored the winning goals while Barry Jepson scored the Chester consolation effort.



Minera Brewery
brewed at

The City Arms

THE HOME OF
MINERA BREWERY
WERN ROAD, MINERA
NR. WREXHAM

Wide range of Bar Snacks
Served Daily

Full A La Carte Restaurant
open every Evening

Weddings and Parties
Catered for

Telephone: **Wrexham 758890.**



RESTAURANT

At The Mercia Inn:

***Superb A La Carte Menu**

***Special Steak Menu &
Sunday Lunch Menu**

***Wide Selection of Wines**

***Extensive Range of Bar
Snacks in The Mercia Inn,
Lunchtime & Evenings**

***Live Entertainment in the
Spacious Lounge**

**WE ALSO CATER FOR
PARTIES & FUNCTIONS
ETC.**

MOLD 700383

**Mercia Drive, Mynydd Isa,
Mold.**

MINERA Building Supplies

Building a house, extension or garage? Why not let us quote you for all your materials, from footing to roof. We supply large and small deliveries of washed sand, building sand, gravel, hardcore, cement, plaster, plasterboards, fibreglass, bricks, breeze blocks, concrete blocks, paving slabs, large or small orders of ready mixed concrete and other building materials including CONCRETE MIXERS & LORRY RENE. Contact: DEREK RENNIE on WREXHAM 759516. Unit 7 & 8, Five Crosses Industrial Estate, Minera (Office Hours). Materials also available at: London Road Garage, Corwen. Corwen 2891 (Office Hours).

Queensferry Sports

**18 Station Road,
Queensferry,
Deeside, Clwyd.**

EVERYTHING FOR SOCCER

at North Wales
leading Sports Store

Generous Discounts

Telephone:
Deeside

818378-812040

**Tons of trucks
in a range of
weights**



- Largest rental fleet in the UK.
- From 1 ton to 38 tons.
- Wide range of body styles.
- Backed by nationwide network of 80 specialist Rental branches.
- Rent by the day, week or longer.
- Vehicles backed by AA-BRS Rescue 24 hours a day.

**BRS Truck
Rental**
No.1 and growing

**Berse—New Broughton
WREXHAM 720 733**

ROGERS & JACKSON

*The most complete
supplier for building
and home improvements
in the area!*

- KITCHENS
- BATHROOMS
- GARDEN CENTRE
- DIY
- BUILDING MATERIALS
- TIMBER
- WINDOWS & DOORS

CAMBRIAN WORKS
by Wrexham General Station
WREXHAM

(0978) 290777

**ALSO AT PRESTATYN AND
LLANDUDNO JUNCTION**

Money Talks

with Wrexham F.C. Promotions Manager REG SLATER



Good afternoon and welcome to everyone for the last home game of the season, one which will hopefully end on a high note at Swansea next week.

It has been a super season in the Promotions department and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has purchased one of our lottery or bingo tickets this season, and to those agents and members of our Supa-draw Society.

I must also say a big thank you to Jackie Smith and Glenys Phoenix, whose efforts in the Promotions office go a long way to the success of our new ventures.

Finally today, on the right is a list of the next few weeks prizes, and the super-summer prizes in our Supa-draw. Wrexham may not have any fixtures but the Supa-draw will still be going strong. If you want to join contact any of the agents below or call in and see me soon. For 50p a week you cannot afford to give it a miss. Have a super-summer!

Southsea PO.
Tanyfrom PO.
P. & N. Stores, Brymbo.
H. & P. Gough, Newsagents, Brymbo.
Brynteg PO.
Windsor Stores, New Broughton.
Bwchwyn PO.
K. Sutton, Heol Calyn, Coedpoeth.
Victoria Rd PO, Wrexham.
B. Astle, Charles St, Wrexham.
V.J. Smith, Newsagents, Rhosddu.
D. Wood, Newsagents, Garden Village.
R. Hughes, Newsagents, Little Acton.
Smithfield PO, Wrexham.
Howells, Newsagent, Norman Rd, Wrexham.
Hightown PO.
Bryn Offa Stores, Wrexham.
Rhosymedre PO.
Moreton Inn, Johnstown.
Froncsyllte PO.
Kamperman, Newsagent, Cefnmawr.
Sporting Link, Cefnmawr.
P. Edwards, Newsagent, Rhosymedre.
Rualbon PO.
Spar Stores, Hall St, Penycae.
S. & B. Jones, Newsagent, Penycae.
M. Cartwright, Market St, Rhos.
T. Howell, Newsagent, Rhos.
Moreton Stores, Johnstown.
Johnstown PO.
Rhosyllen PO.
E. Beech, Newsagent, Rhos.
Spar Shop, Station Rd, Rossett.
Pentre-Maelor PO.
T. Edwards, The Cross, Holt.
G. & M. Evans, Newsagents, Overton-on-Dee.
R. & B. Binner, Bangor-on-Dee.
The Stores, Bradley.
Gwersyllt PO.
Tait's, Newsagent, Caergwria.

Alyn Stores, Cefn-y-Bedd.
Corner Garage, Treuddyn.
Powell, The Shop, Eryrys.
Nercwys PO.
C. Williams, Newsagent, Leeswood.
Conway Stores, Mold.
T.K. Jones, Newsagent, Mold.
Wainwright, Newsagent, Drury.
Mynyddisa PO.
Kwiksave, Gwersyllt.
Kwiksave, Rhosymedre.
G. Jones, 14 Belvedere Drive, Wrexham.
Mrs Rawlinson, 45 Rockwood Rd, Brynteg.
N. Pattison, 153 Chester Rd, Wrexham.
Mrs. Williams, 5 2nd Ave, Llay.
E. Woodfine, 30 Buckingham Rd, Wrexham.
Mrs. Dessaur, 2 The Grove, Marchwiell.
G. Williams, 5 Bryn Avon, Penycae.
B. Morris, 36 Bradley Rd, Wrexham.
A. Jones, 25 Claypit Lane, Gresford.
Mrs. Jones, 18 Dean Close, Rhosnesni.
D.E. Jones, 52 Maple Ave, Acton.
Mrs. Ryan, 20 Avon Close, Acton.
Mr. Francis, 53 Beech Rd, Wrexham.
Mrs. Cookson, 95 Tan-y-Coed, Wrexham.
P. Williams, 83 Heol Offa, Johnstown.
M.E. Jones, 22 Flordd-y-Gaer, Bradley.
J. Smith c/o Wrexham FC.
J. Carter, 5 High Street, Gwersyllt.
D. Evans, 3 Aal-y-Ffynnon, Holywell.
C. Edwards, 12 Ernest Parry Rd, Wrexham.
R.E. Edwards, 5 Caegabrial, Llanwchllyn.
Town Hill PO.
Crown Inn, Summerhill.
Plough, Rhosymedre.
Hollybush, Cefn.
Nags Head, Wrexham.
Jolly Masons, Rhosymedre.
Old Vaults, Cefn.
Mr. B. Griffiths, 49 Eighth Ave, Llay.

SUPA-DRAW PRIZES 1988

Week 14, Ending 4 June
3 Prizes of £100
4 Prizes of £25
plus 20 fivers

Week 15, Ending 11 June
1st Prize of £250
2nd Prize of £50
plus 10 Tenners
and 20 fivers.

Week 16, Ending 18 June
1st Prize of £400
plus 5 Tenners
and 10 fivers.

Week 17, Ending 25 June
3 Prizes of £100
4 Prizes of £25
Plus 20 fivers

Week 18, Ending 2 July
1st Prize £300
2nd Prize £50
3rd Prize £25
plus 25 fivers

SILVERGATE PLASTICS LTD.



**Units 19-21, Abenbury Way,
Wrexham Industrial Estate,
Wrexham, Clwyd LL13 9UZ.**
Tel.(0978) 661496/7.

*The Country's Leading Suppliers
of Colourants to the Plastics Industry.*

Sponsors of Wrexham A.F.C.'s Luxury Coach



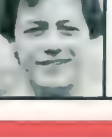
**WARNING TV
SURVEILLANCE**
This ground is equipped with
**CLOSED CIRCUIT
TELEVISION**

Kit Sponsors

The following have kindly Sponsored the Player's Kit for the season. If you are interested please contact

Marjorie Pike on Wrexham 262129.

PLAYING STRIP: £40.00; TRAINING STRIP £40.00.

	MIKE SALMON <i>Playing Strip Sponsor</i> Aggu, Tim, Joe, Jon Italian Branch.		MIKE CARTER <i>Playing Strip Sponsor</i> Frank, Elaine & Julie.
	JOEY JONES <i>Playing Strip Sponsor</i> Adlink Advertising <i>Training Strip Sponsor</i> Adlink Advertising		JON BOWDEN <i>Playing Strip Sponsor</i> Awayday Beer Monsters
	NEIL SALATHIEL <i>Training Kit Sponsor</i> Alf Parker, Commonwood Holt		PAUL EMSON <i>Playing Strip Sponsor</i> Inge Nesje—Norway
	DARREN WRIGHT <i>Playing Strip Sponsor</i> Griff, Russ & Paul, Stafford Branch		ROGER PREECE <i>Playing Strip Sponsor</i> Turf Lounge Supporters Club <i>Training Strip Sponsor</i> Mavis Evans, Northop Hall
	MARK MORRIS <i>Playing Strip Sponsor</i> Steve Nock, Mold. <i>Training Strip Sponsor</i> Steve Nock, Mold.		STEVE MASSEY <i>Playing Strip Sponsor</i> Andy—Stoke, Chris—Colwyn Bay, Paul—Johnstown, Simon—Sheffield, Marshall and Irene Coseley, Tenerife.
	JOE COOKE <i>Playing Strip Sponsor</i> Mats Andersson—Sweden		JAMIE SLATER <i>Playing Strip Sponsor</i> Time Gentlemen Please Crew
	JOE HINNIGAN <i>Playing Strip & Training Kit Sponsor</i> Wrexham AFC Social Club		KEVIN RUSSELL <i>Playing Strip & Training Kit Sponsor</i> Wrexham AFC Social Club
	MIKE WILLIAMS <i>Playing Strip Sponsor</i> Buckley & Bistre Junior F.C. <i>Training Strip Sponsor</i> Queensferry Sports Cwtyd Junior F.L.		STEVE BUXTON <i>Playing Strip & Training Kit Sponsor</i> Sarah Wright, Thomton Hough, Bebington
	GEOFF HUNTER <i>Playing Strip & Training Kit Sponsor</i> Wrexham AFC Social Club		NICK HENCHER <i>Playing Strip & Training Kit Sponsor</i> Wrexham AFC Social Club

mlle



Matchball Sponsors

Aug 18—Burnley (LLC)
Garden Hotel, Deganwy.

Aug 22—Hartlepool Utd.
Laurie and Liz, Turf Hotel.

Aug 31—Halifax Town
Harold Evans

Sep 12—Cardiff City
Turf Lounge, Bitter End.

Sep 26—Stockport County
Mavis Evans & Paul Richards

Oct 3—Leyton Orient
Marston's Ales

Oct 17—Colchester Utd.
Marston's Ales

Oct 20—Darlington
Harris Sports, Ruthin.

Oct 31—Scarborough
David Roberts

Nov 21—Carlisle Utd.
Stanton House Hotel, Chirk

Nov 24—Ruthin Town (WC)
Your Price, Ruthin

Dec 6—Bolton (FAC)
Miss Ena Williams &
Stansty YFC.

Dec 12—Rochdale
Alf Parker, Commonwood Holt

Dec 28—Hereford Utd.
D.J. Wells

Jan 1—Crewe Alexandra
R. Goode & J. Jackson

Mobile Welding, Dudleyston.

Jan 16—Peterborough Utd.
Robertson & Jones.

Jan 23—Burnley
Redbrook Lodge

Feb 6—Exeter City
Barclay's Bank, Wrexham

Feb 20—Torquay Utd.
Stansty Dragons Y.F.C.

Mar 1—Cambridge Utd.
Don Ames, Mercia Inn
Mynydd Isa

Mar 12—Swansea City
Jonathan Beddow

Mar 26—Newport County
Silvergate Plastics Ltd.

Apr 2—Tranmere Rovers
Robertson & Jones.

Apr 9—Scunthorpe Utd
Wrexham F.C. Social Club

Apr 30—Wolves.
David Gittens, Meiford

May 7—Bolton W.
Dai Wood, Newsagent

The above have kindly sponsored a matchball. If you are interested please contact Marjorie Pike on Wrexham 262129.

WHITLEY

Padeswood Road, Buckley, Clwyd CH7 2JJ.
Telephone: 0244 547336.

F.G. Whitley & Sons Company Limited
CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS
Also Plant Hire and Surfacing Departments

Whitley Estates Limited

LAND AND PROPERTY COMPANY

High quality new light industrial units available from 2,500 sq. ft. to 20,000 sq. ft. to be leased on most attractive terms.

Antelope Industrial Estate—Mold 3 miles
Broncoed Industrial Estate—Fringe Mold Town

PROGRAMMES WANTED

*One of Britain's Largest Programme Dealers requires
quality collections from all clubs irrespective of season.
Buyer will collect from your home or pay carriage costs.
Excellent prices given especially for pre-1960 material.*

Please contact: **P.C. RICHES,**
5 STATION PARADE, DORCHESTER ROAD,
NORTHOLT PARK, MIDDX. UP5 4PD.
Tel: 01-432 6677 (24 hours).



RED ROSE MOTORS

BMW PERFECTION PERSONIFIED

CHESTER ROAD, HUNTINGTON, CHESTER.
Tel. CHESTER (0244) 311404

IN RESERVE

with **David Roberts**

As the season comes to a close for the Reserves this afternoon, coaches Cliff Sear, Idris Price and Brian Prandles can reflect on a job well done. Over the past nine months they have carefully nurtured the talents of the youngsters and their efforts have been rewarded in the Youth team winning the North East Wales F.A. Youth Cup and also reaching the final of the Welsh Youth Cup.

The main plus point has been the form of Heswall-born striker Tony Lee who has averaged nearly a goal-a-game. Indeed, he will join the professional ranks next term and it will be very interesting to see if he can force his way into the first team.

Goalkeeper Mark Morris has done just that and proved to be a more than able deputy for regular choice Mike Salmon. Full-backs Mark Dodd and Mark Wrench have both been in fine form whilst central defender Russell Watson even got on the substitute's bench for the Freight Rover Trophy game at Cardiff. Sadly, Russell's season was badly hit by injury soon afterwards.

In midfield, David Bloor arrived from Lex and impressed in the F.A. Youth Cup run which was ended by Second Division West Bromwich Albion in a replay at the Racecourse.

Up front, Lee's record speaks for itself but special praise should go to Steve Watkins who's close control has given many an opposing defence all sorts of problems. Winger Gareth Rawlings has also matured during the season and is now coming to terms with the physical demands of Welsh National League football.

However come next August the challenge could be even greater with the Reserves having applied for membership of the Lancashire League. Manager Dixie McNeil has always stressed the need for the Reserves to be in a more competitive league and to see how they fair against the second elevens of other league sides. Such a move would see Wrexham operate three sides for the first time since 1981-82, and would signify real progress.

The club has over 30 youngsters signed on associate schoolboy forms and this will allow the majority of them to play on a Saturday and for their progress to be chartered more accurately. In addition, Cliff Sear and his assistant Mike Buxton will continue to organise their weekly friendly games at under-16 level, making sure that the best young players in the area come to the Racecourse first to play for their local club.

Finally, a word of praise about Reserve stalwarts Gary Pugh and Steve Scott, the 'Old Boys' of the team at the tender age of 21! They continue to give their all for Wrexham week in, week out and for "Scotty" he got his reward when he made his first-team debut in the F.A. Cup tie at Rochdale and it was thoroughly deserved.

STATISTICS

WNL Premier Division Fixtures 87-88

Date	v Opponents	Res
Aug.	15 H Chirk A.A.A.	0-1
	18 A Penycae	4-1
	21 A Ruthin Town	5-1
	25 H Rhosyllen Villa	6-1
	29 A Mold Alexandra	1-3
Sept.	2 H Overton	4-0
	5 A Brymbo S W	0-1
	12 A Buckley	3-1
	19 H Mold Alexandra	2-4
	26 A St Andrews (Cup)	3-1
Oct.	3 A Llay Welfare	2-1
	10 H Rhos Aelwyd	2-3
	17 A Gresford Ath	4-0
	24 H Buckley	3-1
	31 H Llangollen (Cup)	8-0
Nov.	7 H Cefn Albion	2-1
	14 H Gresford Ath.	3-0
	21 A Llay Wel (WNL C)	3-0
	28 H Llay Wel.	0-1
Dec.	5 A Brymbo S W	1-1
	12 A Chirk A.A.A.	1-1
	19 H Brymbo (G.Cup)	1-3
Jan.	2 A Lex XI	1-1
	16 A Wrexham Sch (YC)	1-0
	30 H Bala	3-0
Feb.	6 A Mold Alex (DBC)	0-2
	20 A Bala	3-0
	27 H Colwyn Bay (YC)	2-0
Mar.	5 H Llay	4-1
	19 H Ruthin Town	0-1
	29 A Buckley	5-0
Apr.	2 A Rhosyllen Villa	6-1
	6 H Lex XI	2-4
	19 A Llay RBL	2-1
	23 H Brymbo Steel	3-4

WNL Premier Division Top Three

	P	W	D	L	Pt
1. Lex XI	26	22	2	2	68
2. Penycae	29	18	1	10	55
3. Mold Alexandra	22	17	3	2	54



RUSSELL WATSON

his season badly hit by injury.

Well done!!

Cliff Sear, Idris Price and Brian Prandles for your efforts with the youth teams this season. Come on all you Robins fans let's hear a big cheer for these three men who have the future of Wrexham in their hands.

ACTION

Saturday, 30th April, 1988

Barclays League Division Four

WREXHAM 4 . . . WOLVERHAMPTON W. 2

The Black Country side have been scoring at will against other teams this season, but their much talked about £400,000 rated striker Steve Bull, has now failed to score against us in four matches. While our own dynamo, Kevin Russell has netted in both games he has played in, and helped us to complete the double over the Champions.

While the score is always important, the football on display from both sides kept our biggest League crowd since the Second Division days entertained for the whole match.

Hopefully the Wrexham fans will have been encouraged enough to turn up again today. We really need these bigger gates to help with a promotion push next season.

Wrexham opened the scoring when Mike Williams lost his marker at the back post and headed home in the 26th minute. The joy lasted only 60 seconds when Phil Chard copied Williams.

Eight minutes later the visitors claimed a second from a free-kick awarded even though the linesman had flagged for offside. Bull's header was saved by Salmon, but the free ball was tapped home by Andy

Mutch. Yet Wrexham hit back without delay. Steve Massey beat Floyd Streete and as Geoff Hunter tried to control the ball he was fouled. Kevin Russell fired in the penalty kick.

In injury time of the first-half, Hunter rose to head home a cross from Mike Carter, after some good work on the wing.

The tension let up a little in the second period as both sides demonstrated their skills. Wolves with long accurate passes to their fast forwards, Bull and Mutch. Wrexham slower in their build-up, but no less deadly. Indeed the Reds soon realised that dangerous the Wanderers might be in attack, but when on the defence they proved much more vulnerable.

Icing on the cake came from Brian Flynn, with his first goal for Wrexham. Russell's cross was laid back by Jon Bowden for the midfielder to crash home his shot.

Wrexham: Salmon, Salathiel, Wright, Jones, Williams, Flynn, Preece, Hunter, Massey, Russell, Carter (Bowden 78). (Sub: Hinnigan).

Wolves: Kendall, Bellamy, Thompson, Streete, Robertson, Robinson (Downing 76), Dennison, Chard, Bull, Mutch, Holmes. (Sub: Stout).

Star Man: Mike Williams.

Referee: M.G. Peck (Kendal). **Attendances:** 6,898.



Mike Williams (5) stoops to conquer as he heads Wrexham into the lead against Fourth Division leaders Wolves at the Racecourse last Saturday. (Photo: Les Evans).

REPLAY

Monday, 2nd May, 1988
Barclays League Division Four
ROCHDALE 1 . . . WREXHAM 2

Wrexham were on the attack from early on and several times threatened to take the lead, but it was the home side who, on a rare attack, actually opened the scoring.

Lee Warren collected the ball outside the area and with the defence in two minds, he passed a couple of players and beat Mike Salmon with a low diagonal shot into the far corner.

This gave the Dale more encouragement and they put the Wrexham defence under a bit of pressure. Yet too many times crosses from Carl Harris failed to find the intended target.

After the break Wrexham soon pulled themselves level when Roger Preece produced a dazzling run into the penalty area and just when it seemed he had took the ball too far, the young winger took a shot at goal which took a slight deflection to squeeze in between goalkeeper Keith Welch and the post.

The best chance to take the lead fell to Brian Flynn and the former Welsh international just failed to grab his second goal in three days, when his powerful header was extremely well held by the Rochdale 'keeper.

The home side were not completely on the defensive but the few chances they did create were more often than not wasted, without testing the Reds defence.

It was in the 77th minute that Wrexham finally edged in front. Mike Carter once again demonstrated his ability on the left wing and pushed a ball through for Kevin Russell to chase. The non-stop striker outpaced the defenders and on-rushing goalkeeper, to chip Welch and send the travelling fans home happy once again.

If only we had not conceded the last minute goal to Swansea, another at Stockport . . . What we can do now is look forward to next season and congratulate the players and manager on an excellent last few months. See you all at Swansea next week, bright and early.

Wrexham: Salmon, Salathiel, Wright, Jones, Williams, Flynn, Preece (Bowden 78), Hunter, Massey, Russell, Carter. (Sub: Hinnigan).

Rochdale: Welch, Seasman, Stanton, Holden, Bramhall, Lomax, Crerand, Simmons, Moss, Warren, Harris. (Subs: Walling, Hancox).

Star Man: Mike Carter.

Referee: P. Wright (Northwich).

Attendance: 1,539.



Steve Massey (9) and Joey Jones (4) can only stand and watch as Geoff Hunter rises head and shoulders above the Wolves defence to put Wrexham 3-2 up. (Photo: Les Evans).

NEWS ON FOUR

So here we are bidding our fond farewell's to another season, and I must say it's been an absolute privilege to share the season with some sides! Some like last week's visitors, I can't say that I'm all that keen to see again, while others like Newport, we hopefully won't be given the opportunity to renew old acquaintances with, even if we wanted to. At least next season we should be spared the embarrassment of having a side in the division that didn't even want to compete.

Scarborough

Special mention must be made to Scarborough who have held more than their own, while maintaining their semi-professional status—certainly one in the eye for the cynics who thought that there would be no place for part-timers in the League. Mind you, if these so-called 'experts' had spent a bit more time watching football rather than just firing their mouths off they'd have realised just how low the standard really was in any case. Scarborough naturally came into the League on something of a high, and it was only natural that this should be carried through. If, to some extent, their bubble has burst, I fail to see how their loss of form is such as big an issue as people have made it out to be. They have for this season, shown themselves to be a capable and worthy addition to our division. If they had failed miserably, then it might have been right to question the automatic promotion that now exists between our division and the Vauxhall Conference. But this is certainly not the case. Even if they drop out in a couple of years time, as some loud, but equally ignorant voices proclaim, then it will have proved a worthwhile venture. The League has operated as a closed shop for far too long, and it is about time that deserving parties were given the opportunity of competing at the highest level, of this our national game. And I bet

that's the first time the Fourth Division has been spoken of in terms of the 'highest level'!

The real benefit though, I feel in terms of what automatic relegation from the Fourth Division has achieved, is best seen in the Vauxhall Conference. For the first time non-League clubs know that there is a just reward for proving themselves capable of matching the League boys. Barnet, for the second successive season, have been involved in a titanic battle for League status, of equal magnitude in its own way to anything in the League. And it has rubbed off on a host of other clubs, so that next year's battle for the Conference title should be as keenly and evenly fought as this year.

Show Stoppers

Today of course brings its usual crop of show stoppers together with complete waste of time, you know the ones—"we're only playing because there are 46 games on the fixture list and that's the only reason!" Chief amongst these is Newport at home to Rochdale—goodbye and thanks. I hope, for making it quite clear to the Board of every other club that in this day and age you cannot afford to 'play' at running a club. If you do, you know the cost. Perhaps a little more sanity might prevail. Equally it would be nice to get rid of another disaster area next year, as it doesn't do the image of the game any good at all to have them hanging on.

I trust the grand old boys in blue from the Metropolitan Police are not labouring under the illusion that since the swoop on Wolves fans last month, today's encounter with Orient will pass off peacefully. I found it hard to believe that they won't sign off in their acclaimed style.

Darlington ought to pick up three points from their visit to the Vetch, while Scunthorpe's trip to Torquay will be interesting to say the least.

The Directors, Players and Staff
of the
Wrexham Football Club



would like to say

THANK YOU!

*to all of our supporters for your fantastic
support throughout season 1987-88.*

*Please continue to support Wales' premier team
next season 1988-89.*

MATCHBYMATCH '87-88

● Substitute ★ Star man § Player sent off x Booked player D Debut
In bold or with drawn Home games in BOLD CAPS Scorers in Bold letters

1987	Opponents	Result	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Substage
Aug 15	Torquay United	1-6	24	Salisbury	Salmon D	Hinnigan D	Williams	Cooke x ^a	Jones D	Cartier 1 st D	Hunter D	Steel	Russell D	Cunnington	Barton (60), Preece
Aug 18	BURNLEY (LCC 1 — (st leg))	1-0	24	Preece x	Preece x	Jones	Williams	Cooke x ^a	Bowden D	Cartier	Hunter x	Steel	Russell 1	Cunnington	Barton (66), Hinnigan
Aug 22	BARTLEPOOL UNITED	2-1	15	Preece x	Preece x	Jones	Williams	Cooke	Bowden	Cartier	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Barton (61), Hinnigan (45)
Aug 25	Burnley (LCC1 — 2nd leg)	0-3	—	Wright	Preece x	Jones	Hinnigan x	Cooke	Bowden	Preece x	Barton	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Barton (22), Wright
Aug 29	Crew Alexandra	0-2	21	Wright	Wright	Jones x	Hinnigan	Cooke	Bowden	Barton	Preece	Steel	Russell	Cunnington 1	Hinnigan, Hunter
Aug 31	BALFAX TOWN	2-2	20	Salisbury	Salmon	Jones	Hinnigan	Cooke	Bowden	Barton	Preece	Steel 1 st	Russell	Cunnington	Wright, Wright (42)
Sept 5	Ereter City	1-1	20	Salisbury	Salmon	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey x D	Barton 1	Barton 1	Steel	Russell 1	Cunnington	Wright, Scott
Sept 12	CARDIFF CITY	3-0	16	Salisbury	Salisbury	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Barton 1	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Preece (84), Wright
Sept 15	Burnley	0-1	17	Salisbury	Salisbury	Jones	Bowden	Williams	Harvey	Barton 1	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Preece (75), Hinnigan
Sept 19	Peterborough United	0-1	20	Salisbury	Salisbury	Jones	Bowden	Williams	Harvey	Barton 1	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Preece (85)
Sept 26	STOCKPORT UNITED	2-1	16	Salisbury	Salisbury	Jones	Bowden	Williams	Harvey	Barton 1	Bowden	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Hunter (80), Preece (85)
Sept 29	Cardiff City	0-1	13	Salisbury	Salisbury	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Barton 1	Bowden	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Wright (86), Salter (38) x D
Sept 30	Cardiff City	2-2	13	Salisbury	Salisbury	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Barton 1	Bowden	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Cartier (26), Hencher (79)
Oct 3	LEYTON ORIENT	1-0	13	Salisbury	Salisbury	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Cunnington	Barton 1	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Hencher (45), Watson
Oct 10	Swansea City	1-2	16	Salisbury	Salisbury	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Cunnington 1	Cartier	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Hencher (56), Wright (78)
Oct 13	Cardiff City (FRY Q)	2-3	—	Preece	Preece	Wright 1 x	Hinnigan	Jones	Cunnington 1	Cartier	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Oct 17	COLCHESTER UNITED	0-1	17	Preece	Preece	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Cunnington	Barton	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Oct 20	DARLINGTON	0-1	18	Wright	Preece	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Cunnington	Barton	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Oct 24	Newport County	0-2	20	Preece x	Preece x	Jones 1	Hinnigan	Williams	Cunnington 1	Barton	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson 1
Oct 27	WALSAL (FRY Q)	2-2	—	Preece x	Preece x	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Jones	Barton	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Oct 31	SALFORD	1-0	19	Preece x	Preece x	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Fairbrother	Barton x	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Nov 3	Scunthorpe United	1-3	19	Preece x	Preece x	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Fairbrother	Barton x	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Nov 6	Tramere Rovers	0-1	20	Preece x	Preece x	Wright x	Hinnigan	Williams	Cartier 1	Barton 1	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Nov 14	Rochdale (FAC 1)	2-0	—	Preece	Preece	Wright x	Hinnigan	Williams	Cartier 1	Barton 1	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Nov 21	CARLISLE UNITED	4-0	19	Preece	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Fairbrother	Barton 1	Bowden	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Nov 24	RUPTON TOWN (WC 3)	3-0	—	Preece	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Fairbrother	Barton x	Bowden	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Nov 28	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2-0	18	Preece	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Fairbrother	Barton x	Bowden	Steel	Russell	Cunnington 1	Enson
Dec 5	BOLTON WANDERERS (FAC 2)	1-2	—	Preece	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Fairbrother	Barton x	Bowden	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Dec 12	ROCHDALE	2-3	18	Preece	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Fairbrother	Barton x	Bowden	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Dec 19	Bolton Wanderers	0-2	19	Preece	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Bowden x	Barton	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Dec 26	Stockport County	0-1	19	Preece	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Bowden x	Barton	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Dec 28	HEREFORD UNITED	0-0	19	Preece	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Bowden	Barton	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Jan 1	CRAWLEY ALEXANDRA	2-1	18	Preece	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Cooke	Bowden	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Jan 10	WOLVERSTON CITY (WC 4)	4-1	—	Williams	Williams	Wright 1	Hinnigan	Cooke	Bowden	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Jan 11	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	0-1	20	Williams	Williams	Wright	Hinnigan	Cooke	Bowden	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Jan 26	Hartlepool United	0-1	20	Williams	Williams	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Bowden x	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Feb 2	BURNLEY	1-3	20	Wright x	Wright x	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Bowden x	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Feb 9	T-ON PENTRE (WC 5)	2-1	—	Wright	Wright	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Hunter x	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Feb 13	Hereford United	2-0	19	Wright	Wright	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Feb 20	TORQUAY UNITED	2-3	20	Wright x	Wright x	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Feb 23	Hullix Town	0-2	20	Wright x	Wright x	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Feb 27	Leiston Orient	1-2	20	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Cooke	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Mar 4	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	3-0	19	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Cooke	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Mar 11	Colchester United	2-1	19	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Mar 12	SWANSEA CITY	1-2	19	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Mar 16	Cardiff City	1-1	18	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Mar 19	Scarborough	2-0	17	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Mar 22	EXETER CITY	3-0	17	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Mar 26	NEWPORT ROYALS	4-1	14	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Apr 2	TRANMERE ROYALS	3-0	13	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Apr 9	Cardiff United	4-0	11	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Apr 11	SCOTTSBORO UNITED	2-1	9	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Apr 11	Rotterdamster H. (WCSP 1)	2-1	—	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Apr 23	KIDDERMINSTER H. (WCSP 2)	3-2	—	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Apr 29	DARLINGTON	1-2	11	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
Apr 30	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	4-2	12	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson
May 2	Rochdale	2-1	9	Salisbury	Salisbury	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Wright	Preece	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson

Barclays Division Four

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Wolverhampton W.	45	25	9	10	80	43 87
Cardiff City	45	23	13	9	64	40 82
Torquay United	44	21	14	9	65	38 77
Bolton Wanderers	45	21	12	12	65	42 75
Scunthorpe United	45	19	17	9	74	50 74
Leyton Orient	45	19	12	14	85	61 69
Swansea City	45	19	10	16	59	56 67
Peterborough United	45	19	10	16	51	53 67
Wrexham	45	20	6	19	69	57 66
Colchester United	45	19	9	17	47	51 66
Darlington	45	18	11	16	71	66 65
Scarbrough	45	17	13	15	55	47 64
Burnley	44	19	7	16	55	60 64
Tranmere Rovers	45	19	8	18	61	53 63
Cambridge United	45	16	13	16	49	50 61
Hartlepool United	45	15	14	16	49	55 59
Crewe Alexandra	45	13	19	13	57	52 58
Halifax Town	45	13	14	18	52	58 52
Hereford United	45	13	12	20	39	58 51
Stockport County	45	12	14	19	43	57 50
Exeter City	45	11	13	21	52	66 46
Rochdale	45	10	15	20	46	76 45
Carlisle United	45	11	8	26	55	85 41
Newport County	45	6	7	32	39	104 25

(Positions up to and including Tuesday 3rd May).

(Positions up to and including Tuesday 3rd May).

Season 1986-87	League Games	League Goals	Cup Games	Cup Goals	Total Games	Total Goals
Robert Alayne	7(3)	2	2	0	9(3)	2
Jon Bowden	21(5)	1	7	1	28(5)	2
Steve Budon	27(7)	6	5(4)	4	32(11)	10
Mike Carter	18(2)	5	6(1)	1	24(3)	6
Joe Cooke	11(2)	0	3	0	14(2)	0
Shaun Cunningham ...	24	3	7	2	31	5
Paul Emson	12(2)	2	4(1)	0	16(3)	2
Ian Fairbrother	7	0	3	0	10	0
Brian Flynn	16	1	2	1	18	2
Jimmy Harvey	6	0	0	0	6	0
Nicky Hencher	0(3)	0	0(1)	0	(4)	0
Joe Hinningan	28(1)	1	8	2	36(1)	3
Geoff Hunter	35(2)	5	8	0	43(2)	5
Joey Jones	34	0	7	1	41	1
Ollie Kearns	16(1)	8	2	0	18(1)	8
Steve Massey	7(2)	1	2	0	9(2)	1
Mark Morris	6	0	1	0	7	0
Roger Preece	32(7)	4	9(2)	1	41(9)	5
Kevin Russell	37	21	9	4	46	25
Neil Salathiel	23	0	2	0	25	0
Mike Salmon	39	0	10	0	49	0
Steve Scott	0(3)	0	0(1)	0	0(4)	0
Jamie Slater	0(3)	0	1(3)	1	1(6)	1
Jim Steel	18	6	5	0	23	6
Mike Williams	41	2	9	1	50	3
Darren Wright	30(4)	0	7(1)	2	37(5)	2

● As at 6th May '88. † Substitute appearances are in brackets.

Robins Rollcall

ROBINS REVIEW PRODUCTION TEAM 1987-88

Co-editors: D.E. Roberts, G. Parry, P. Jones.

Contributors: M. Thompson, D.W. Owen, D. Price, S. Rigby,
G. Davies, N. Wynn.

Photographs: Wrexham Evening Leader.

Advertising: M.K. Davies, Adlink Advertising, Hawarden.

The views expressed in this programme are not necessarily the
views of Wrexham Association Football Club Ltd.

Printed by: Engraving Services Ltd.,

Denhill Road Industrial Estate, Moss Side, Manchester M15 5NR.
Telephone: 061-226 1197/8.



Consider us for...
PEUGEOT TALBOT



Consider us for...
AUSTIN ROVER

Tottneys

Consider us for...
Column Road, West Kirby ☎ 051-625-6161/2

Offleys

Consider us for...
Chester Road, Ellesmere Port
☎ 051-355-1821/3266



Mitre Match Ball Donor:
DAI WOOD, NEWSAGENT.

TODAYS LINE-UP

WREXHAM

Red shirts/white shorts/red socks.

MIKE SALMON	1
NEIL SALATHIEL	2
DARREN WRIGHT	3
JOEY JONES	4
MIKE WILLIAMS	5
BRIAN FLYNN	6
ROGER PREECE	7
GEOFF HUNTER	8
STEVE MASSEY	9
KEVIN RUSSELL	10
MIKE CARTER	11
JOE HINNIGAN	12
JON BOWDEN	13

BOLTON WANDERERS

White shirts/blue shorts.

DAVE FELGATE
DEREK SCOTT
PHIL NEAL
ROBBIE SAVAGE
MARK CAME
MARK WINSTANLEY
ANDY MAY
STEVE THOMPSON
JOHN THOMAS
TREVOR MORGAN
JULIAN DARBY
GEOFF CHANDLER
GARY HENSHAW

Referee: P.S. DANSON (Leicester)

Linesmen: R.W. Harris (Wolverhampton) and J. Caulkin (Stoke-on-Trent).

Marston's

Pilsner Lager